

(b) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Platform at Kuzuthurai

990. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a new platform at Kuzuthurai on the Trivandrum-Kanyakumari railway line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Work of construction of a high level platform at Kulitturai for a length of 193 Metres have been approved. The work will be taken up subject to availability of funds.

[*Translation*]

TPT Point at Gonda Junction

991. SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Transshipment point at Gonda Junction has been closed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received in this regard;

(d) if so, whether it is proposed to be reopened;

(e) whether arrangement for loading of goods from metre gauge to broadgauge trains exist on this junction; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to rationalise the working of transshipment points and eliminate such points where the traffic declined and the operation became uneconomical.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f). Arrangements for transshipment still exist but there is no justification to reopen this point.

[*English*]

Frequency of Amarkantak Express

992. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great public demand for daily running of Amarkantak Express;

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.